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SUMMARY: GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED WITH STATEMENTS BY ECUADOR, INDIA, USSR AND CYPRUS. MEXICO INTRODUCED ITS WORKING PAPER WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED LATER IN WEEK. END SUMMARY.

1. COMITE HELD TWO MEETINGS MONDAY, AUGUST 18. IN MORNING SESSION ECUADOR DEL GAVE "JURIDICAL" EXAMINATION OF CHARTER REVIEW. IN GENERAL HE REGARDED THAT TIME WAS APPROPRIATE FOR CHARTER REVIEW GIVEN OBSOLETE PARTS OF CHARTER (ENEMY STATES PROVISIONS), NEARLY OBSOLETE PARTS (TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM), AND PARTS NOT REFLECTING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS (ESPECIALLY ON ECONOMIC ISSUES). HE REGARDED THAT THIS CALLED FOR AN ADAPTATION OF THE CHARTER THAT DID NOT REQUIRE A GENERAL REVIEW "WHICH NO ONE WANTS."

2. INDIAN DEL (JAIPAL) LED OFF PM SESSION. HE PERCEIVED THAT MANY DELS FAVORED CHARTER REVIEW AND INDIA SAW NO HARM IN IT. HOWEVER, HE CONSIDERED MANDATE OF COMITE TO BE DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF GOVERNMENT COMMENTS AIMING TOWARDS A RECOMMENDATION TO GA ON WHAT FUTURE ACTION, IF ANY, SHOULD BE TAKEN. HE WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT COMITE WAS APPROPRIATE FORUM TO CONSIDER CONCRETE REFORMS MENTIONED; RATHER, THE ORGAN IN QUESTION SEEMED THE PROPER FORUM

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(E.G. THE SC SHOULD CONSIDER CHANGES IN USE OF VETO).

REFERRING TO RIGHT OF VETO, JAIPAL CONSIDERED IT CLARLY DISCRIMINATORY GIVING PRIVILEGED POSITION TO HANDFUL OF MEMBERS. HE ALSO CONSIDERED ITS ABOLITION OR GRANTING IT TO OTHER MEMBERS WOULD NOT BE LIKELY TO ENHANCE UN. HE CONCLUDED SAYING KEY TO UN EFFECTIVENESS IS NOT PROCEDURES BUT THE WILL OF MEMBERS TO FULFILL UN OBLIGATIONS.

3. AMBASSADOR MALIK GAVE LENGTHY, BUT RELATIVELY MILD, STATEMENT FOR SOVDEL. HE BEGAN BY STATING SOV POSITION, AS STATED IN RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, REMAINS UNCHANGED. HE THEN PROCEEDED TO RECAPITULATE SOV VIEW ALONG LINES OF ASSERTIONS OF HIS SIXTH COMITE SPEECH AT 29TH GA.

4. IN BRIEF, MALIK SAID: (A) CHARTER IS FLEXIBLE, (B) CHARTER "AS KIND OF CODE OF CONDUCT", PERMITS TWO SOCIAL CAMPS TO OPERATE TOGETHER; (C) CHANGES IN CHARTER WILL IMPAIR FULFILLMENT OF UN PRIME OBJECTIVE, MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY; (D) CHARTER SHOULD BE JUDGED BY FACT THAT IN LAST 30 YEARS THERE HAS BEEN NO WORLD WAR; (E) CHARTER IS CAUSE OF FINAL DISMEMBERMENT OF COLONIALISM; (F) CHARTER HAS RESPONDED TO INCREASE IN UN MEMBERSHIP BY EXPANSION IN SC AND ECOSOC; (G) THIRD WORLD IS ALWAYS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ADOPTING A RESES, SINCE WITHOUT THIRD WORLD GA RESES CANNOT BE ADOPTED; (H) SOCIALIST COUNTRIES CANNOT ENTRUST THEIR DESTINIES TO CAPITALIST COUNTRIES, AND VICE VERSA (THUS VETO MUST REMAIN); (I) PRINCIPLES OF CHARTER HAVE GROWN IN TIME BY VIRTUE RESES, ET AL; (J) ANALYSIS OF DOCUMENTS SHOWS ONLY FEW DELS FAVOR CHARTER REVIEW, AND THEY DO SO ONLY OUT OF THEIR OWN SELF-INTERESTS; AND (K) VETO (UNANIMITY) IS KEY PRINCIPLE, THE MOST REALISTIC AND REASONABLE ONE, OF UN IN THAT IT IS BASIS UPON WHICH CAPITALIST AND SOCIALIST STATES CAN WORK TOGETHER.

5. CYPRUS DEL GAVE BALANCED STATEMENT, OUTLINING CURRENT CHARTER INADEQUACIES, THOUGH CONCLUDING CHARTER REVISION DOES NOT APPEAR PROVIDE SOLUTION. AFTER ALLUDING TO FLEXIBILITY OF CHARTER, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CHARTER CONTAINED OBSOLETE CLAUSES, THAT TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HAS MUCH LESS TO OCCUPY IT, AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS URGED A GENERAL RESTRUCTURING

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OF UN MACHINERY. BUT HE ARGUED THESE ISSUES DID NOT ALTER THE CONTINUING VALIDITY OF THE CHARTER PRINCIPLES, NOR THE REALITY THAT THE VETO WOULD BE RETAINED. MAKING ALLUSION TO SITUATION IN CYPRUS, HE SAID THERE IS STARTLING INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN WHAT STATES DO AND WHAT THEY SAY. REGARDING THE MIDDLE EAST AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID CYPRUS WAS AN EVEN BETTER EXAMPLE. STATING THAT THE GAP BETWEEN THEORY AND PRACTICE MUST BE BRIDGED, HE DID NOT SEE THAT ANY GENERAL REVIEW OF

THE CHARTER, WHICH INVOLVED RISKS THAT OUTWEIGH ITS ADVANTAGES,
WOULD ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL.

6. IN MORNING SESSION MONDAY, MEXICAN DEL (LOPEZ BASSOLS)
INTRODUCED MEXICAN WORKING PAPER A/AC.175/L4. HE OFFERED LITTLE
NOT ALREADY IN PAPER. AFTER BRIEF PROCEDURAL DEBATE,
IT WAS AGREED GENERAL DEBATE WOULD TERMINATE AT AM MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, AND MEXICAN ITEM WOULD BE TAKEN UP
PM WEDNESDAY. ANY DELS INSCRIBED TO SPEAK ON GENERAL DEBATE
AND WISHING TO COMMENT ON MEXICAN PAPER COULD DO SO.
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